

REMARKS

Pending Claims:

In this application, claims 7-9; 18-24 and 27-30 are currently pending.

Rejections

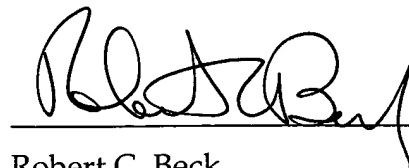
The Applicant has made changes to the independent claims 7 and 28 to clarify their scope and to further support the distinction between the references cited by the Examiner. As aptly noted by the Examiner the Applicant's invention relies on the Coanda affect to divert or deflect the jet from an initial direction to a subsequent direction. In the examples in the underlying application the jet emerges radially from slit gaps or holes in the catheter and it is deflected through 90 degrees and flows retrograde. The independent claims have been amended to name the Coanda effect for its tendency to cause a jet to change directions based upon a pressure gradient created across the jet by the entrainment process. Applicant notes that a brief search of the PTO database looking for occurrences of Coanda or Coanda affect in claims shows that this is an accepted practice albeit not necessarily in this art unit to completely describe the underlying physics associated with the invention.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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